Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1918.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors

OF THE

Lydd Urban District Council.

Mr. Mayor & Gentlemen,

I herewith present my Annual Report upon the General Health Statistics, Preventive work etc, of the Urban District of Lydd, for the year ending December 31st, 1918.

The Statistical returns are based upon two estimates of the population furnished by the Local Government Board, viz:- 2,416 being the estimate of the civilian population for the year 1918, and from which the death rate is calculated, v. 2,707 being an estimate of the local population from which the birth rate is calculated.

BIRTHS.

The number of births was 43, giving a birth rate of 15.8 per 1,000 population.

Males.....21.
Females.....22.
Of these 3 illegitimate.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths was 30. In this total is included 3 persons belonging to the district whose deaths were registered elsewhere.

This gives a death rate of 12.4 per 1,000 and a residential death rate of 11.15 per 1,000. This compares with a rate of 17.6 for England and Wales v. 16.1 for country towns of population from 20,000 to 50,000.

The Infant Mortality was 5, total number of births 43. A Mortality of 11.6 per cent of births.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Thirty five cases of measles were notified, Civilian 21, Military 14. The other infectious cases being 14 of Scarlet Fever, 2 Diphtheria, 1 Erysipelus and 1 of Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The Schools were inspected during the outbreak of Scarlet Fever and two suspected cases sent home.

Number of cases removed to Hospital: Scarlet Fever 11. Diphtheria 3. Measles 1.

WATER SUPPLY.

I omit the water Analysis from this Report for the sake of brevity, since it has already been presented to you and was as favourable as heretofore.

HOUSING & TOWN PLANNING ACT.

Twenty three houses were inspected of which five were found to be defective and these were remedied upon Informal Notice being given.

The Slaughter Houses, Bake Houses, Dairies and Cow-sheds have been inspected and found satisfactory.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

Complaint as to keeping in fit condition of an Earth Closet was investigated by myself and found to have been put in order.

During August I was obliged to condemn and have destroyed some Government Meat which had become putrid.

I am glad to be able to again acknowledge the help and attention to duty of the Sanitary Inspector.

I have the Honour to be,

Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

MARTIN BUTTON,

Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Lydd.

Undercliff,
Rye, Sussex.
April 11th, 1919.